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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities:

At line 16 "said lot being" should be replaced with "said slot being".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parker et al., US Patent 4,775,025.

In regards to claims 1-4 and 6-8, Parker et al. show a rear suspension of a vehicle, the vehicle having a vehicle body (28), the rear suspension comprising:

a carrier at which a rear wheel (14) is rotatably mounted;

a trailing arm (48) generally longitudinally aligned with respect to the vehicle body (28), the trailing arm (48) having ends respectively connected to the carrier and the vehicle body (28); and

a connecting unit connecting the vehicle body (28) and a body-side end (50) of the trailing arm (48), and varying a vertical position of the body-side end (50) according to a running state of the vehicle (Column 2, lines 59-64);

wherein the connecting unit comprises:

a bracket (28) having a slot formed along a predetermined direction having a vertical component;

a hinge pin penetrating the slot and the body-side end (50) of the trailing arm (48); and

a positioning apparatus (See Figure 9) adjusting a position of the hinge pin in the slot (See Figure

1);

wherein the slot is vertically formed (See figure 1);

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wherein the positioning apparatus (See figure 9) comprises:

a cylinder (98) having a receiving hole for receiving a hydraulic pressure;

a piston (100) disposed in the cylinder (98) so as to form a hydraulic pressure chamber (102) in the cylinder;

an actuator (106) fixed to the piston (100) and extending exterior to the hydraulic pressure chamber (102) in an opposite side thereof; and

a linking member (48) connecting the actuator (106) and the hinge pin;

wherein the hinge pin is located at a lowest position of the slot when the vehicle is not under braking operation (Column 3, lines 42-52);

further comprising a restoring apparatus (104) for restoring a position of the piston (100) in the case that the hydraulic pressure (39) supplied to the hydraulic pressure chamber (102) is released;

wherein the restoring apparatus (104) comprises an elastic member (if the fluid (elastic member) in the chamber (104) is compressed it will apply pressure on the piston until it is expanded, this pressure is an elastic force) applying an elastic force on the piston (100) toward the receiving hole.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yukihiro Orimoto, Japanese Publication 10-217735.

In regards to claim 1, Yukihiro Orimoto shows a rear suspension of a vehicle, the vehicle having a vehicle body (6), the rear suspension comprising:

a carrier (26) at which a rear wheel (W) is rotatably mounted;

a trailing arm (15) generally longitudinally aligned with respect to the vehicle body (6), the trailing arm (15) having ends respectively connected to the carrier (26) and the vehicle body (6); and

a connecting unit connecting the vehicle body (6) and a body-side end (35) of the trailing arm (15), and varying a vertical position of the body-side end (35) according to a running state of the vehicle (Abstract);

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parker et al. in view of Drott, US Patent 4,890,859.

In regards to claim 5, Parker et al. clearly show all of the claimed elements excluding a cylinder being connected to a brake line of the vehicle.

Drott teaches connecting a cylinder to a brake line. (Column 5, lines 25-40)

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the cylinder receiving hole of Parker et al. in view of the teachings of Drott to include being connected to a brake line so as to eliminate the need for multiple pressure sources.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose a rear suspension for a vehicle body wherein a bracket slot, extending at least partly in a vertical direction, is configured to receive a pivotally mounted forward end of a suspension trailing arm, and a linking member extending between a piston rod and the bracket slot wherein the linking member is configured for pivotal connection with the forward end of the suspension trailing arm and vertically movable in the bracket slot.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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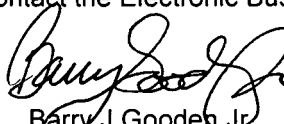
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry J. Gooden Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-5135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul N. Dickson can be reached on (571) 272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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